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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) information

The Hancock County Jail has zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. In accordance with the United States Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 15601 et seq., and 17-A M.R.S.A Sections 253, 255-A, 260, and 760, it is the policy of the Hancock County Jail to prohibit staff, which includes employees and persons providing services by agreement with or under contract with the Sheriff's Office, and volunteers from engaging in sexual misconduct with an inmate or sexual harassment of an inmate.

All allegations of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment will be referred for investigation by the Hancock County Sheriff's Detectives unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior.

The Hancock County Jail offers multiple ways to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Reports can be made anonymously:

Call the Hancock County Jail tip line at (207) 669-9865

Call the Maine Sexual Assault Helpline at (800) 871-7741

Write to the PREA Coordinator for the Maine Department of Corrections at the following address: 111 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0111

It is also the policy of the Hancock County Jail to require the reporting of any sexual misconduct or sexual harassment or suspicion of either. Any staff or volunteer who engages in or threatens to engage in, fails to report, or otherwise fails to take appropriate steps in response to sexual misconduct with a client or sexual harassment of a client is subject to appropriate action, up to possible criminal prosecution.

It is also the policy of the Hancock County Jail to prohibit any inmate from engaging in sexual misconduct with another inmate. Any inmate who engages in sexual misconduct with another inmate or resident is subject to disciplinary action and may be subject to criminal prosecution. Any staff or volunteer who fails to report, or otherwise fails to take

appropriate steps in response to sexual misconduct between inmates, is subject to appropriate action, up to possible criminal prosecution.